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NORFOLK CONTEST WILL BE ARGUED

Exciting Session of State Democratic Committee Is Expected To-Night.

WILL ASK INVESTIGATION

Contesting Faction Would Have State Body Take Up and Decide Dispute.

Large delegations from Norfolk county will come to Richmond to-day to attend the meeting of the State Democratic Committee, which will be held in the assembly hall at Murphy's Hotel to-night. Both the "Straightouts" and "Fusionists" are expected to be largely represented. Attorneys for both sides will appear before the committee and argue the point which is as to whether or not the State Committee shall take original jurisdiction in deciding the contest over county offices.

It is practically certain that the meeting will be an exciting one. Norfolk city and county matters always are. No argument is ever made over affairs there without giving rise to intense feeling, indulged in by the partisans of the rival factions. In this case the "Straightouts" are represented by young attorneys of Norfolk city, who were the leaders in the county campaign. The counsel will appear for the "Fusionists."

While there will be probably little difficulty about securing a quorum of the State Committee, anything like a full meeting is not expected. A prominent party leader, who has attended every session for many years, said last night that he did not believe that nearly the full membership would be present. "Most of them have heard this Norfolk county row over and over again," he said, "and it is becoming tame and stale news to them."

Former Lieutenant-Governor Edward Nichols has notified State Chairman J. Taylor Elyson that important private business in his home city of Staunton will preclude his attendance at the meeting.

The "Straightout" faction was defeated in the recent county primary, when the "Fusionists" candidates for county offices were nominated. The "Straightouts" contested the returns, alleging sundry irregularities, such as the voting of men in the county who had become residents of the city of Norfolk. The "Fusionists" in return brought charges against the "Straightouts" in certain precincts.

This contest is now pending before the Norfolk County Committee. The "Straightouts" say they feel that the local committee is so tied up with the "Fusion" faction that it will be unable to render an impartial verdict therefore they ask the State Committee to take the matter up and appoint a subcommittee to take the evidence. The "Fusionists" will contend that under the party law, the State body cannot assume original jurisdiction but that all such matters must come up on appeal from local party authorities. This point will be argued and decided to-night. Should the committee charge the matter, it will designate a subcommittee.

Martin Not Coming.

An effort was made by the "Straightouts" to secure the attendance of Senator Thomas S. Martin at to-night's meeting, and a telegram was sent urging him to be present. His friends here did not believe he would come at the solicitation of one faction.

Senator Martin was asked last night in Washington by a correspondent for The Times-Dispatch what he answer would be. He replied: "I have no idea of attending the meeting. I am not a member of the committee, and, in addition to this, it is utterly impossible for me to leave Washington at this time to go anywhere, even for half an hour."

Membership of Committee.

The members of the State Democratic Committee are as follows: First District—T. J. Downing, Lancaster; J. M. Curtis, Newport News; J. Boyd Sears, Matthews; R. L. Alworth, Eastville; E. P. Cole, Fredericksburg. Second District—C. Fenton, Day, Smithfield; W. W. Sale, Norfolk; Dr. F. S. Hope, Portsmouth; J. E. West, Suffolk; C. C. Brown, Norfolk. Third District—E. L. Scott, Ashland; Clyde W. Saunders, Richmond; Dr. J. B. Fisher, Middleburg; Manly H. Barker, West Kent; Simon Solomon, Richmond. Fourth District—A. R. Morris, Sexton; T. Arvin, Double Bridge; J. Taylor, Thompson; F. L. Miller, Robert; G. L. Williams, Petersburg; H. E. Hutcheson, Boynton. Fifth District—B. A. James, Danville; G. R. G. Martin, J. M. Hooker, Stuart; J. G. Davis, Independence; D. A. Nicholson, Rocky Mount. Sixth District—H. O. Humphries, Bedford; George W. Muse, Salem; Sidney Shelman, Christiansburg; C. C. Barkdale, South Boston; H. P. Adams, Lynchburg. Seventh District—R. T. W. Duke, Charlottesville; George W. Kinsey, Washington, Va.; W. E. Carson, Riverport; E. W. Carpenter, Harrisonburg. Eighth District—R. L. Moore, Stafford; Gardner L. Boothe, Alexandria; R. A. McIntire, Warrenton; Paul W. Garrett, Leesburg; Raleigh T. Green, Culpeper. Ninth District—P. F. St. Clair, Bane; R. E. Buchanan, Marion; W. D. Smith, Gate City; T. A. Lynch, Tazewell; M. C. Clark, Bonaker. Tenth District—Joseph Button, Appomattox; Edward Nichols, Staunton; P. W. Whitbread, Lebanon; W. S. Allen, Buchanan; William M. McAllister, Warm Springs.

The following advertisement, which the American National Bank takes pleasure in printing to-day, was submitted by Mr. G. H. Winfrey, Richmond College, City, in the recent Ad. Contest in the Richmond Times-Dispatch.

The So-Called White Man's Burden

Is nothing in comparison with what YOUR BURDEN will be if you don't make provision for your old age. Start that Savings Account to-day. The habit, once formed, is easy to continue, and you'll only find the rainy days of the future amply provided for, but you will also be surprised at the rapidity with which your pile will grow. Three per cent. interest in our Savings Department. Come down and let's talk it over.

Sails for Europe. Mrs. Mina Loth, of this city, is among the passengers sailing on the Kronprinz Wilhelm, of the North German Lloyd Line, from New York to-morrow. The Wilhelm is bound for Bremen, via Plymouth and Cherbourg.

OFFERS NEW PLAN FOR STREET BONDS

Finance Committee Will Endeavor to Unravel Tangled Situation.

SOUTHSIDE IS INTERESTED

New Sewer Will Soon Empty Above Old Manchester Intake Pipe.

Serious complications over the water supply of South Richmond may result from the delay in the City Council's handling of a bond issue proposition for the past three or four months. Within six months the drainage of a large part of Clay Ward will be emptying into the river above the intake pipe of the old Manchester Water Works. And yet no funds have been provided with which to connect South Richmond with the main reservoir system and settling basins. Another complication likely to result will be that the city will default on its promise to give South Richmond gas within two years from the date of annexation. Even were the bond issue now available, the gas holder and mains could hardly be completed by next April 15. Money is lying idle in the treasury to improve South Richmond streets, which cannot be expended because the sewers and underground pipes have not been laid. And the city is borrowing from the banks to meet payments on the new Mayo Bridge, for the Ford site and for the new public schools, because the bond issue has not been agreed upon.

Cause of Delay.

The delay is due to efforts of members of the Board of Aldermen to put through a bond issue for streets or the shoulders of the other proposition. It is believed now, however, that a satisfactory plan has been worked out which will accomplish all the purposes proposed, including the streets, but the slow formalities of Council action will make it several months yet before the actual money for the projected enterprises will become available.

For a year past a general bond issue to carry out some of the items of the annexation agreement has been in contemplation. When the annual budget was made up the School Board was authorized to expend \$200,000 on new schools this year, the money to be provided from the sale of bonds; the block on which Ford's Hotel is located has been purchased by the city at a cost of \$185,000. The site and franchises of the old Mayo Bridge have been acquired and contract awarded for the new bridge, which is now under way.

What Was Proposed.

Several months ago the Finance Committee reported a general improvement bond issue of \$1,400,000 to pay for the bridge, the new schoolhouses and to buy the Ford property, to retire certain outstanding bonds of the old city of Manchester, and to provide sewers, water and gas for South Richmond. All of the items had already been agreed upon and voted for by the Council. It was only a question of financing them. The Council adopted the bond ordinance, but the Board of Aldermen efforts were made to amend it by adding \$1,000,000 for streets. The proposition has gone from one branch to another until it has become hopelessly tangled, and it has become evident, in the opinion of many, that no bond issue could be floated with so involved a record. The Finance Committee therefore is preparing to start all over again, and will this week report a new ordinance similar to the first.

In the meanwhile those who fought for the street amendment have agreed that it is poor financing to issue thirty-four-year bonds for street improvements, the life of which will be about fifteen or twenty years, and that it is bad policy to depress the market by large sales of city bonds, merely to have the money lie idle in bank for years until the plan has been planned and executed, as was the case with the sewer bond issue, nearly half of which is still in bank. Conservative members of the Council have no idea of turning over to the Street Committee \$1,000,000 for a general ward division on the plan by which the annual appropriation for streets is divided, when any four wards north of the river might combine to squeeze the other three, regardless of the needs of the city at large.

The New Program.

If the program now tacitly agreed upon is carried out without amendment, leaders of the Council, including those who first proposed the street bond issue, believe that all of the purposes sought will be attained without difficulty. The Finance Committee will report practically the same ordinance as before, providing for the bridge, schools, Ford site, gas, water and sewers and other purposes itemized, and the bonds will be issued as soon as possible. Then the Adams-Gunst resolution will follow, instructing the Finance Committee to report a plan for issuing \$1,000,000 in twenty-year bonds to be sold during a period of five years. The Street Committee to furnish a definite list of the work to be done, with estimates of cost, so that the Council and the city will be put on notice as to where the citizens' money is to be expended.

UNKNOWN OFFERS TO CONFESS CRIME

Alleged Consumptive Proposes to Die in Electric Chair for Beattie.

WANTS \$5,000 IN ADVANCE

Prosecution's Theory as to Motive for Murder Is Outlined.

Henry C. Beattie, Jr., accused of the murder of his wife on the Midlothian Turnpike on the night of July 18, has received an offer from an unidentified consumptive, who proposes to make a bogus confession, take all the blame and go to the death chair for the sum of \$5,000. The unknown writer says that his time on earth is not long any way—that he had just as soon be dead—and that the sum named would provide for his wife and children after he had been electrocuted.

The first letter came to Mr. Beattie several days ago, and was turned over to his attorney, H. M. Smith, Jr. A second came yesterday, asking why the first communication had not been answered. Neither is signed, and the attorneys for the defense are at a loss to know whether the offer comes from some enemy desiring to place the Beattie family in an embarrassing position, or whether it is merely the work of a crank. They attach no importance whatever to it, and will send no answer.

Would Die in Chair.

The first unsigned communication is lengthy and circumstantial. It states that the writer is an ill man, to whom life has become a burden. He offers to come forward and confess to the shooting of Mrs. Louise Wellford Owen Beattie, to make his story dovetail with that told by young Beattie, to let the alleged highwayman, to assume all the blame, and to go to the death chair for the crime committed in payment, he asks but \$5,000, and his letter designates a lonely spot on the Atlantic Coast Line Railway, and a certain night on which the money was to be deposited beneath a certain bridge, the description of time and place being very specific and in detail. The second letter, which came yesterday, the first had not been answered, and indicates that the offer is still open.

H. M. Smith, Jr., of counsel for Mr. Beattie, said last night that both letters were in his possession; that it is either a trick of some party trying to force a confession, or else the foolish action of a crazed brain. In either case the attorneys propose taking no steps to ascertain the sender. No decoy or money will be placed in the spot indicated, and no notice will be taken of it. "We are not such fools," said Mr. Smith, "as to be drawn into any trap that some might look upon as an admission of guilt, or that we had any misgivings as to the strength of the case we expect to present to the jury. The writer is either a madman, or else an absolutely trivial and ridiculous communication, to which we will pay no attention."

Case Now Complete.

With the witnesses who have been examined and submitted to the grand jury, the Commonwealth claims that its case is now complete. Much of this evidence, of a cumulative nature, has been given by the Beattie family, and reserved for the jury. After puncturing in many places the story of the killing told by the husband on his return to the home, the prosecution will show the purchase of the gun, with which the killing was done, by Paul Beattie. The letter, which is the only evidence in the case, is apparently clear. It is stated that Beulah Binford can also prove an alibi for that night.

Motive for Crime.

The prosecution is prepared to show on the second day of the trial that the relations with Beulah Binford, her thirteen-year-old son to the birth and death of their child broken off for a moment on payment of \$500, which a lawyer, it is said, took the son's share, the relations between Beattie and the Binford girl were resumed three months ago, though the evidence differs as to who made the overtures.

He, Father, Comes.

Mr. Owen was on his way here, and was due to arrive, and did arrive, the morning following the shooting. He would learn about through his Beattie father would learn, of the wild career of the young man. Infatuated with Beulah Binford, but unable to run off with her, he was unwilling to relinquish his share in his father's property, and having no other means of support, young Beattie was faced with a scandal which at best could but lead to divorce, and he believed that his father would side with the innocent wife in such an emergency. His source of income would be cut off, and he would be left with a young wife in any case. Nominally a clerk in his father's store, Henry Beattie's chief occupation had been to be a young man about town and to drive the family motor car. Paul Beattie had been his go-between before, and it was better for him to buy the gun than for the young man himself to be seen making such a purchase. The coming of Mr. Owen, and the revelations which would follow would break up plans for a dual life, in which he furnished a flat on one side of the river for Beulah, and at the same time lived at his father's home with his wife. His income, case and motor car, would go together, and in desperation the young man determined on a course, the sheer brutality of which has shocked the country as few crimes have done.

Defense Is Silent.

This is the motive the Commonwealth proposes to outline before a jury. The silence of the defense is taken by some for weakness, while others assert that glaring holes will be found in the Commonwealth's case when Attorney Smith and Carter turn it wrong side out, that the motive will not prove sufficient for a jury, and that seeming discrepancies in the account of the killing will be explained. That there will be an early trial is conceded; probably within two weeks after the grand jury indicts on August 4.

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REBELLIOUS SOLDIER IS LANDED IN JAIL

Private Wilkinson, Who Confessed to Insubordination, May Be Severely Punished—Local Battalion Back From Camp—Officer Breaks Leg,

Private Woodson Wilkinson, of Company B, First Regiment, Virginia Volunteers, was brought to Richmond yesterday with the First Battalion, which returned at 1:45 o'clock from its annual encampment at Culpeper, under arrest and placed in the City Jail and held for orders from Major Lawrence T. Price. Wilkinson pleaded guilty Friday when arraigned before a court-martial to a charge of insubordination, while he is also said to have sworn vengeance against Captain W. A. Stack and others who caused his arrest. The findings of the court have been forwarded to Governor Mann and will likely be made public to-day.

The offense of Wilkinson is said to be a serious one. He will be dealt with according to regular army regulations, and officers of the regulars, who were detailed at Culpeper to aid the Virginia troops in their manoeuvre practice, expressed the belief that a prison sentence is likely to be the penalty for the private's breach of discipline.

Defied Discipline.

Wilkinson on last Wednesday was detailed for duty in the kitchen of Company B. Passing near at hand, Captain Stack heard the man defy an order from a corporal. Investigation found Wilkinson in a state of rebellion. He was ordered placed under arrest by the commanding officer of the company. "Jumping aside, Wilkinson, it is stated, picked up a club and announced his intention of killing any one who attempted to touch him. It was necessary for a corporal's guard to surround the insubordinate soldier before he was formally arrested. Even then he struggled and offered stout resistance, and he was bound hand and foot before being finally taken to the guardhouse.

A court-martial was immediately ordered, and sat Friday. Major King acted as president of the court, while Captain C. M. Wallace was made judge advocate. The prisoner pleaded guilty to the accusations, and the findings of the court were at once forwarded to the Governor.

Had Club In Cot.

Wilkinson is said to have made threats of revenge after his hearing. A heavy club was later found under the blanket of his cot in the guardhouse. How he obtained it is not known, but officers of the battalion look upon it as an indication that the prisoner intended to carry out his threats. En route to Richmond Wilkinson was kept under guard. In military circles it is believed that the man will be severely punished.

This was the only incident which marred the encampment of the First Regiment, said Major Price yesterday afternoon, after his return. "The camp was ideal," he declared, "with the exception of the drill ground, which was in horrible condition. All of the men of my battalion, and the regiment, if they speak for it, took to their duties like ducks to the water. "We arrived at the camp Sunday with a battalion of rookies, but after hard work on Monday and Tuesday they developed into seasoned soldiers and drilled like regulars. The manner and quick way in which they shaped and adapted themselves to their duties was astonishing and unusually gratifying to all of the officers."

Camp.

"I believe I can safely pronounce the work at Camp Sale the most successful ever experienced by the Virginia Volunteers, and will prove, I think, the means of bringing the State troops to a higher plane of efficiency. "The only objection to Camp Sale was the drill ground. We had rain while there, and the red mud of Culpeper was something of a hindrance to drill in. Not only that, but the ground selected for drill purposes is hilly and rolling. The colonel while at one end of the regiment was unable to see the company which brought up the rear. We later secured a field for drill purposes and reviews."

"Our departure was delayed several hours. I left Culpeper at 10:15 yesterday morning, and our special over the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway arrived at the Main Street Station at 1:45 P. M. My battalion detrained in three minutes."

All Are Agreed.

Like Major Price, all of the officers of the First Battalion were immensely enthusiastic over their trip, and the work accomplished. They were unanimous in pronouncing the encampment an immense success.

There was practically no sickness in camp. One man was sent home on account of illness, but that was the only case on record. A second private was excused from duty because of the illness in Richmond of his sister.

Major Price declared in no uncertain terms that all men of his battalion who failed to attend the encampment without obtaining official leave of absence will at once be summoned to appear before a court-martial.

Loss of Positions.

Major Price also had a few words to say in connection with men of his battalion who have lost positions on account of going to Culpeper. This matter, he said, would be brought to the attention of State officials for action, and it is likely that a rigid investigation will be conducted.

It is not known definitely that men have been dismissed by their employers.

Short Sea Trips

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NO AGREEMENT IN GREGORY CASE

Reports of Compromise Sentence Denied, and Trial Is to Begin To-Day.

No agreement as to a compromise verdict having been reached, so it is said, Louis L. Gregory, former freight cashier of the Atlantic Coast Line Railway, charged with stealing more than \$21,000 from the railway company, will be tried this morning in the Hustings Court, provided that the prosecution will be able to enter upon the case without the testimony of E. E. Farmer, one of the auditors who discovered Gregory's alleged shortages.

It has been rumored—the rumor having often been repeated—that the lawyers for the defense and the prosecution had come to an understanding that Gregory was to plead guilty upon condition that a minimum sentence should be given against him. This was emphatically denied yesterday, and it seems that the defense will fight the case to the end. Gregory is represented by Attorneys H. H. Talley and Harry M. Smith.

Left City Suddenly.

Gregory's alleged pecuniaries extended over a long period, but were not discovered until the latter part of May, when he was called on to explain certain discrepancies appearing in his books. Gregory was to have met the auditors on the night of May 20. Instead, he disappeared, and, after sleeping from one town to another, he finally landed in Denver, where, as he was about to enter upon a position as an automobile salesman, he was arrested on private information given to the Richmond police and telegraphed to the Denver authorities. He was brought back by Captain McMahon, and was lodged in the City Jail.

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BULLET FOLLOWS FLEEING BURGLAR

Man Forces Entrance to Home, but Is Surprised and Frightened Away.

Brushing aside all thought of personal safety, and caring only for the safety of her young children and of her home, Mrs. Frank E. Bocarselski, of 1343 West Grace street, early yesterday morning drove a burglar from her premises with a shot from her revolver.

Mrs. Bocarselski retired at her usual hour, about 11:30 o'clock, after having awaited the return of her husband, who failed to come on the 11 o'clock train from the West. Being unable to sleep, she arose and went into the children's room, adjoining. She thought she heard a noise in the dining room below, but, after listening a time, ascribed it to the cat. Then the telephone bell rang, and on its third appeal she answered, first loading her revolver with two cartridges. The telephone call was from a neighbor, who wanted some brandy for medicinal purposes. A physician came for the brandy, and, after giving it to him, she returned upstairs.

Intender Escapes.

Again she heard alarming sounds, this time a slight crash. Looking out from the bath room window, in the rear, she saw the figure of a man shaking along the fence. She called to her eldest son, Frank, who immediately jumped out of bed and struck a light. This probably alarmed the man, for he made a bound to the henhouse in the rear and hid himself in its shadow. Mrs. Bocarselski watched and waited. In a few moments the man leaped for the fence, and went over with a revolver shot speeding after him. Mrs. Bocarselski watched him fleeing down the alley in the rear, but refrained from firing again, reserving the second bullet for emergency. She noticed the second Police Station, but through a mistake in taking down the address of the house, a sergeant and patrolman were sent to another block, and Mrs. Bocarselski sat up until nearly 4 o'clock waiting for the police.

Examination by daylight showed that the dining room window had been forced open, and the man was evidently preparing to crawl in when Mrs. Bocarselski surprised him. Mrs. Bocarselski explained to Detective Krenzel, who made an investigation, that her husband is away a large part of the time, and that she had learned to use a revolver for just such an emergency as occurred yesterday morning. She was unable to tell whether the man was white or colored.

DR. S. C. HATCHER SAYS FAREWELL

Thanks Congregation for Help and Commends His Successors.

Rev. Samuel C. Hatcher, D. D., for two years pastor of the Broad Street Methodist Church, last night preached his last sermon as the minister of that congregation. To-morrow he becomes vice-president and secretary-treasurer of Randolph-Macon College, and his pulpit from that time will be filled by Rev. Frank L. Wells, who was named as his successor by Rev. W. Asbury Christian, D. D., presiding elder of this district.

In quitting the Broad Street Church Dr. Hatcher thanked the members for their earnest co-operation since he became their pastor. He laid stress upon the splendid work of the Sunday school and various societies and the officers of the church, and in turn thanked the heads of each. He also tendered his regards and thanks to the choir.

Dr. Hatcher said that in leaving his charge he was going to a field where he thought he would be more useful. He urged the church members to give the same support to his successors as they had tendered him, and he added that, with proper encouragement, Mr. Wells, whom he characterized as a brilliant young man, would win a distinguished position for himself.

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